

SMOKE ALARM FLOW CHART - "DO I NEED TO UPGRADE?"

ONE- AND TWO- FAMILY HOMES, TOWNHOUSES, DUPLEXES

INSTALLATION OF NEW WIRING REQUIRES A PERMIT FROM
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

FOR ANYTHING REQUIRING BATTERY BACK-UP, BATTERIES CAN
BE SUBSTITUTED WITH AN APPROVED SECONDARY POWER
SOURCE

Is the home occupied by a tenant?

YES

NO

Is there a change of tenant?

YES

NO

Are there working smoke alarms in the home?

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NO

YES

Are they less than ten years old?

YES

NO

MUST UPGRADE BY JAN 2018

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Is the home built before 1975?

YES

NO

Alarms can be hardwired OR
Alarms can be battery operated
AND
Battery alarms must be sealed,
long-life batteries
Must be located outside each
sleeping area and on each level
of the home

Is the home built before 1990?

YES

NO

Alarms must be hardwired
(A/C) with battery back-up
AND
Batteries must be sealed,
long life batteries
Must be outside each
sleeping area and on each
level of the home

Is the home built after 1989 but before JULY 2013?

YES

NO

Alarms must be hardwired (A/C) with
battery back-up AND interconnected
Batteries must be sealed, long life
batteries
Must be outside each sleeping area
and on each level of the home

Home built after July 2013:

All of the above plus inside each
sleeping room